**DECLARATION OF SANTIAGO DE CHILE BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION**

The Directors of the Ibero-American Meteorological and Hydrological Services with Regional Training Centers (RTCs) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), coming from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Spain, Peru and Venezuela, met in Santiago de Chile on 24 November 2018, and declared their intention to:

1. Promote and encourage cooperation among the RTCs in the region, as well as with other national and international training organizations, and thus contribute to building a global education and training community in keeping with the WMO Global Campus Initiative.

2. Work jointly in detecting the training needs for the Ibero-American region, together with the rest of Meteorological Services, in the prioritization of these, and in the identification of training opportunities.

3. Promote the complementarity of the RTCs in search of greater efficiency and increased learning opportunities, avoiding redundant activities and based on the capacities and areas of specialization of each RTC.

4. Adopt the recommendations of SYMET-13 as important considerations for RTC activities in the Region. (*Link to* [*SYMET-13 recommendations*](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/documents/ETR-SYMET-XIII_es.pdf))

5. Encourage the sharing of annual training programs, work schemes, learning strategies and methodologies, examples of lessons learned, exchange of experiences, etc., and insofar as possible training material.

6. Share strategies and find ways of offering special concessions, such as tuition waiver or reduction, provision of accommodation at reduced cost, or other support of WMO fellows hosted by the RTCs.

7. Increase the visibility of the training activities imparted by RTCs, among others by publishing them in the Events Calendar of the WMOLearn Portal (https://learningevents.wmo.int/).

8. Encourage the creation of a database of experts in meteorological training and facilitate the exchange of them among the RTCs for their activities, so that they can count, as much as possible, with the best experts in each area of knowledge.

9. Facilitate and promote innovative learning approaches and the implementation of mechanisms for assessing the effectiveness of training and improving the quality.

10. Guide the training given for the development of the competences established by the WMO and the priorities set.

11. Collaborate with the Education and Training Office of WMO in the translation into Spanish of training material and the development of new learning material, sharing these through the WMOLearn E-library.

12. To utilize online communications and other meeting opportunities to continue the collaboration begun in the Meeting of Directors of the Regional Training Centers held from 20 to 22 November 2018 in Lima (Peru), following the example of the CIMHET conference as a meeting point for Ibero-American PRs, from which very good results have been produced.

13. Contribute to the review and revision process of the WMO BIP-M and BIP-MT qualifications and commit to using the WMO BIPs to guide curriculum development to prepare forecasters and meteorological technicians.

14. Work together with WMO in resource mobilization for education and training in the Region.